

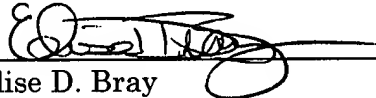


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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner:

In the Office action of January 16, 2003, the Examiner required restriction to one of six species, namely, Species I, Figures 1-5A, Species II, Figure 5B, Species III, Figure 5C, Species IV, Figure 5D, Species V, Figure 5E and Species VI, Figure 5F. Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's requirement of restriction and hereby elects without traverse Species I, Figures 1-5A for purposes of further prosecuting this patent application. The claims readable on this species are 1, 2, 4, and 6 to 17.

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